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**Statement of support for HB 5285**

Dear Sir or Madame,

My name is Jason Hine and I am a resident of Mystic, CT. I am also a homeowner of 20 years and my wife and I are raising our two young boys here in Mystic. Our oldest son, Sam, is currently attending Stonington High School as a freshman; or younger son Jackson, is attending the ISAAC school in New London as a 6th grader. I'm proud to say that both of my boys are excellent students and want to get the most out of their education.

I am also a small business owner. I own the Ditty Bag, a zero-waste market and cafe here in Mystic, CT. I am doing all I can to help my community be more sustainable. I am also a member of Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), and so I have come to learn about the dangers of climate change. I feel that my qualifications, experiences, and affiliations qualify me to speak on behalf of this much needed bill.

Our family would like you to know that **we completely support HB 5285**. As we understand Climate Change is an emergency, we strongly believe that it should be taught in the classroom. Young people need to understand what climate change will mean as it pertains to their health and well-being, the economy, our political world, real-estate, etc. We owe our children the truth, and passing HB 5285 would be a very important step in making that happen. Climate Change needs to be taught in all school districts in CT.

**Please support HB 5285**

And thank you very much for all you do.

Sincerely,  
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